



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Peace Officer Memorial Month
MEETING DATE: May 3, 2006
PREPARED BY: Jerry J. Adams, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council proclaims the Month of May, 2006, to be known as Peace Officer Memorial Month throughout the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Police Department requests that the Council make this proclamation in keeping with such tributes at the state and national level. This year, the week of May 14 through May 20 is designated National Police Week, while May 5 is the date of the California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. These ceremonies are held annually to honor the memory of over 17,400 law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty throughout the United States. Of the 156 line of duty deaths in 2005, California's loss was 18 officers.

Members of the Lodi Police Department, led by its Honor Guard, will hold a ceremony early the morning of May 3 at the gravesite of Officer Rick Cromwell (5/7/63 – 12/9/98), the only Lodi Police Officer ever lost in the line of duty. They will continue on to the Stockton Police Department where the Stockton Police Officers Association will hold Memorial Services honoring fallen law enforcement officers from throughout San Joaquin County. On Friday, May 5 the Lodi Police Honor Guard will participate in the California Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento.


This was a particularly tragic year for the California Highway Patrol. In the past six months they have lost six officers; four died between September and December 2005 and two more this past February 2006. Our deepest sympathies go out to their families, CHP Commissioner Mike Brown, and all the men and women of the California Highway Patrol.

An inscription at the California State Memorial reads: "Go, stranger, and tell the (people) that we lie here in obedience to their laws." We urge the City Council to join in this message, honoring our fallen Peace Officers.

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A



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cc: City Attorney